



Truro Rural District Council

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND OF THE

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1969

TRURO RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Services for the Truro Rural District for the year ending 1969.

The population continues to show a slight increase over the previous year from 28,890 to 29,060. The number of live births exceeded deaths by 15. There are no outstanding changes in the various mortality rate as compared with last year.

With regard to infectious diseases, I am happy to report that the district was relatively free from infection during the year.

With regard to the environmental services the sewerage of many areas continues to occupy much of the Council's time. I am happy to say that the plans completed in 1969 were concerned with Perranporth and Veryan.

As regards the provision of the Health Services in the main body of the report, unless specifically stated the figures quoted are for the Health Area as a whole.

I should like to record that towards the end of 1969 this Council was asked if it would undertake the necessary adaptation and alterations to a Council House for the purposes of home dialysis. I am happy to report that the necessary approval, plans, estimates, and alterations were completed, and the patient returned home all within four months of receiving the request from the Renal Unit at Plymouth. I should like to record my thanks to the Architect, Mr. Bannister, and all members of the Council concerned in this the first project of its kind in this Rural District.

I would end by thanking the Chairman of the Public Health Committee and all its members for their support during the year. To all Chief Officers and their Staff, and to Mr. Bennett and his Staff I wish to express my thanks for their cheerful co-operation at all times.

I am indebted to the Area Nursing Officer, Miss V. M. Graham, and the Clerical Staff at the Leats Office for their help in the production of this Annual Report and for their work throughout the year.

I have the honour to be

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servant,

C. W. J. HINGSTON,

Medical Officer of Health.

Truro Rural District.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area, acres	..	..	..	..	..	..	108,316
Parishes	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Population, mid-1969	..	..	..	..	..	..	28,890
Number of houses inhabited		..	..	..	..	..	12,251
Rateable value	..	..	..	..	..	..	£915,360
Product of 1d rate	..	..	..	..	..	..	£3,673
Number of houses built since 1945			..	..	..	..	3,389
Number of houses under construction			..	..	..	..	305
Number of families accommodated in converted buildings:-							
							Trevellas Estate 1
Number of families on housing list	..	..	..	..	..	..	630

Birth, Death, Infant Mortality Rates since 1950

	<u>Birth Rate</u>	<u>Death Rate</u>	<u>Infant Mortality Rate</u>
1950	13.7	10.5	20.5
1951	16.1	11.7	25.4
1952	14.5	9.9	31.0
1953	14.0	9.0	29.2
1954	14.9	10.3	14.1
1955	13.6	10.5	28.0
1956	15.8	11.4	10.7
1957	16.4	11.0	30.8
1958	15.9	11.5	13.3
1959	15.7	10.8	13.5
1960	17.4	11.3	9.7
1961	16.4	12.0	35.6
1962	15.9	11.7	15.5
1963	18.6	11.1	25.3
1964	18.6	11.1	11.4
1965	17.5	10.6	21.4
1966	18.0	12.1	18.4
1967	16.3	11.2	29.8
1968	15.5	11.4	26.3
1969	17.1	11.5	21.0

INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES REPORTED QUARTERLY

	<u>March</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
Scarlet Fever	-	1	2	1
Sonne Dysentery	-	2	-	-
T.B.	1	-	1	2
Whooping Cough	-	1	4	-
Measles	2	1	3	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	1
Acute Meningitis	-	1	-	-

VITAL STATISTICS 1969 TRURO RURAL DISTRICT

	Local Authority Area			England and Wales (total)	Local Authority area	England and Wales
	Males	Females	Total			
Estimated mid-year home population.	-	-	29,060	48,826,800	-	-
Live births Total	222	200	422	797,542		
Legitimate	206	181	387	730,500	14.5	16.3
Illegitimate	16	19	35	67,042	1.18	1.00
					17.1	16.3
					1.05	1.00
					8	8
Stillbirths Total	6	4	10	10,662		
Legitimate	5	4	9	9,555	23	13
Illegitimate	1		1	1,107		
Total live and stillbirths	228	204	432	808,204		
Legitimate	211	185	396	740,055		
Illegitimate	17	19	36	68,149		
Deaths of infants under 1 year						
Total	4	5	9	14,397	21	18
Legitimate	4	3	7	12,694	18	17
Illegitimate		2	2	1,703	57	25
under 4 wks						
Total	3	3	6	9,603		
Legitimate	3	2	5	8,494	14	12
Illegitimate		1	1	1,109		
under 1 week						
Total	2	3	5	8,237		
Legitimate	2	2	4	7,266	12	10
Illegitimate		1	1	966		
Deaths - all ages						
Total	204	203	407	579,463	35	23
Legitimate						
Illegitimate						
Deaths rates, etc. - all ages						
Deaths per 1,000 home pop. (crude rate)					14.0	11.9
Area comparability factor					.82	1.00
Local adjusted rate					11.5	11.9
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate					.96	1.00

CAUSES OF DEATH	Sex	Total all ages.	Under 4 wks.	4 weeks & under 1 year.	AGE IN YEARS							
					1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74
												75 and over.
B5 Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B6 Other Tuberculosis, incl. late effects	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B17 Syphilis and its Sequelae	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B18 Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B19(1) Malignant Neoplasm - Buccal Cavity etc.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B19(2) Malignant Neoplasm - Oesophagus	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B19(3) Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B19(4) Malignant Neoplasm - Intestine	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
B19(6) Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B19(7) Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	2
B19(8) Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
B19(9) Malignant Neoplasm - Prostate	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
B19(10) Leukaemia	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

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					1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 and over.	
B35 Appendicitis	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	
B36 Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	M F	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- 1	
B37 Cirrhosis of Liver	M F	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -	
B46(7) Other Diseases of Digestive System	M F	2 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	1 1	
B38 Nephritis and Nephrosis	M F	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	
B39 Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	
B46(8) Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	M F	2 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 2	
B46(10) Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M F	3 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	1 -	2 -	- 1	
B42 Congenital Anomalies	M F	2 1	1 -	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	
B43 Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M F	2 2	2 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	
B44 Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	M F	- 1	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	
B45 Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	M F	2 4	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 4	
BE47 Motor Vehicle Accidents	M F	2 1	- -	- -	- -	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	

BE48 All Other Accidents

M	4	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	1
F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5

BE49 Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries

M	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
F	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

BE50 All Other External Causes

M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

TOTAL ALL CAUSES:

M	204	3	1	-	2	6	6	7	37	63	79
F	203	3	2	1	2	2	3	6	22	45	117

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

1. Mothers and Young Children (Sec. 22)

Clinics for Child Welfare in the Truro Rural District

	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Attendances</u>
1. St. Agnes	11	322
2. Perranporth	24	646
3. Chacewater	12	213
4. Carnon Downs	12	375
5. Probus	12	252
6. St. Mawes	12	169
7. Portscatho	12	301

The first four clinics are attended by County School Health Service Personnel. The Clinics at St. Mawes, Portscatho and Probus are staffed by County Health Visitors but General Practitioners carry out the immunisation of children.

Dental Services for Expectant Mothers and children are undertaken at The Leats.

The Ante Natal Clinics in the Rural District are staffed by Truro District Nurses/Midwives and are held at and staffed by Family Doctors at their surgeries.

Mothercraft and Relaxation Classes. These were held at the various clinics in the Rural Area and there were 452 attendances. The classes were based on a series of eight lectures per course and when convenient fathers were invited to attend one lecture in each course.

Family Planning. A Clinic is held in Truro City and cases from the Rural District are referred to this Clinic.

2. Midwifery Services (Sec. 23)

One hundred and thirty-seven home deliveries were undertaken in the Rural District during 1969 and of these Medical Aid was sought in 34 cases. The opening of the new Maternity Wing at Treliske Hospital has had less effect in the Rural District than on other immediate areas on the number of children born at home compared with hospital deliveries, as the following table shows:-

NUMBER OF HOME DELIVERIES AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Falmouth	49	48	38	32
Truro City	53	45	34	27
Truro R.D.C.	36	35	31	32
Penryn	65	57	45	36

The Princess Alexandra Wing for Maternity at Treliske Hospital opened for cases on 5th June, 1968.

3. Health Visitors (Sec. 24)

The work of the Health Visitors among the elderly decreased during the year, the number of visits falling from 1,251 in 1968 to 1,060 in 1969. Visits on social grounds for Problem Families also decreased from 724 to 502. In the young age group, 7,361 visits were made to children and 95 Health Education Talks and Demonstrations were given in 1969.

4. Home Nursing (Sec. 25)

The number of general nursing cases decreased from 756 in 1968 to 679 in 1969, and the number of visits decreased from 20,499 to 17,777. A large number of injections were required apart from general nursing care.

5. Immunisation Figures for Health Area III

	<u>1968</u>		<u>1969</u>	
	<u>Primary Doses</u>	<u>Reinforcing Doses</u>	<u>Primary Doses</u>	<u>Reinforcing Doses</u>
Measles	1369		358	
Diphtheria	551	650	627	1340
Tetanus	590	718	627	1431
Poliomyelitis	565	873	759	1294
Whooping Cough	498	331	627	521
Smallpox - Under 16 years old.	153	25	285	160
Tuberculosis (B.C.G.):				
Children -	774		781	
Contacts -	47		37	

The marked reduction of cases immunised against measles in 1969 is accounted for by the decision of the Ministry of Health to withdraw the vaccine in the Spring of 1969.

6. Ambulance Service (Sec. 27)

This service is under direct County Council control and therefore no report on the day to day administration is given.

7. Prevention Care and After Care Services (Sec. 28)

The mobile X-ray Unit pays twice monthly visits to The Leats and to Falmouth to examine referred cases from Family Doctors and children requiring further X-ray following positive skin sensitivity tests for T.B. B.C.G. Vaccination was given to 781 children for protection against T.B. in the whole of the Health Area No. 3.

The Health Visitor specialising in T.B. work to-day is still required to spend a considerable amount of effort and time in T.B. contact work and as a result of the six cases notified in this Rural District in 1969, one of which was a transfer in from another county, the following number of contacts were followed up:-

Twenty-five contacts - twenty-one of whom were examined either by X-ray, skin tests or both - six children were given B.C.G. vaccine. Several of the young people involved as contacts had had B.C.G. at school before, so they were already protected. In addition to the above 30 other people were examined as contacts of cases outside the Truro Rural Area or of people with a family history or of school children found to have a positive skin test.

Yellow Fever

The Leats is a registered Centre for this immunisation and during 1969 279 cases were immunised before going abroad.

Cervical Smear Clinics have been set up in Truro and at Falmouth, and residents in the Rural District are directed to either Clinic depending on where they live.

Out of the total of 578 cases seen at these clinics during 1969, 8 suspicious cases were detected; out of these 8 cases one was a resident of the Rural District.

Geriatric - Preventive Services

Two elderly persons residing in the Rural District were found to be in need of care and attention requiring action under the National Assistance Act during the year; both were admitted to Barncoose Hospital.

Medical Loans of nursing and other aids. A supply of domiciliary aids for the incontinent is available through the Health Area Office, and other equipment required in the home such as bed pans, urinals and bed rests are obtained through the British Red Cross Society. Walking aids of various design may also be obtained for temporary loan through the British Red Cross Society till the patient received such permanent aids through the National Health Hospital Service.

Chiropody

St. Agnes area has a small clinic run on voluntary lines and the Chiropodist from Truro attends. The clinic is given a small subsidy from the County Council towards costs.

8. Home Help Service (Sec. 29)

The Home Help Service continues but since my last report individual figures for each District Council are not available as this Service is now administered direct from County Hall. However, a total of 1,428 cases received assistance in the whole of Health Area No. 3 and out of this total 334 cases were over the age of 65 years.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In my Report for 1968 I commented on the fact that the sewerage schemes for Feock and Porthtowan, and the small extensions at St. Agnes were making no progress. Writing this in 1970, it is satisfying to know that work on the Porthtowan scheme should commence this year, and Feock - which has received outline approval, may see the start of operations in 1971, as also should the St. Agnes extension to Wheal Kitty. At Portloe the Ministry have said preparatory work may proceed for the Sunny Corner extension.

Other schemes which have now received approval by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government are at St. Mawes and Perranwell Station, and a local inquiry held by a Ministry Inspector on the big Ladock scheme is enabling the Council to prepare full details for submission to the Ministry with the prospect of approval.

Ninety-three improvement grants were approved, and while it is pleasing to know this number of houses have been brought up to a reasonable living standard - together with 1186 others over past years - one must not overlook the considerable office work involved in checking estimates and accounts.

The Summer holiday season presents a few problems with which we find it difficult to cope as well as I would like. I refer mainly to the hundreds of tents and caravans which spring up like a rash over much of the countryside - cheap and happy holidays though these provide for many people, there are still a minority of visitors who complain about insanitary conditions, sometimes with justification. It may not be easy always to keep sites as clean at all times as they should be, but I think some proprietors could try a bit harder.

The work of the Public Health department in this very large district is of great variety and the complexities of administration are not made easier by the distances involved. Nevertheless, I believe the sanitary conditions of the area have continued to improve year by year, but it is difficult to convey in a report such as this the real impression of the day-to-day duties, problems, and achievements which made up a year's work under these conditions.

I must now thank Dr. Hingston for his kind support at all times, my staff, and your Consulting Engineers, Messrs. Osmand & Lane, for details on the progress of the various village schemes.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant

A. H. BENNETT.

Chief Public Health Inspector
and Building Surveyor.

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

For the Year ending 31st December, 1969.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. Sewerage

The position regarding progress in the village sewerage schemes is as follows:-

(a) Threemilestone Sewerage

This scheme was substantially complete by November, 1969. Final works delayed because the Truro City Council were unable to receive the Village sewage into their system because Calenick Pumping Station was not yet complete.

(b) Porthtowan and Mount Hawke Sewerage

Stage 1 of this scheme was advertised for tender in December, 1969, and it is anticipated that works will start on the construction in the Spring of 1970.

(c) Veryan Sewerage

This scheme was substantially completed in July, 1969. The sewage treatment works were put into operation in August, 1969.

(d) Cubert and Holywell Sewerage

Negotiations for a joint scheme with Crantock & West Pentire were completed with the Newquay Urban District Council in 1969.

It is anticipated that this scheme will go to tender in 1970.

(e) Perranporth Sewerage

The new sewage pumping station was completed for operational use in July, 1969, and took over duties of the existing stations in the following month. It is anticipated that the original sewage pumping stations will be completely shut down by the end of 1969.

Plans for a main drainage scheme for Bolingey and Perrancoombe were approved by the Council in 1969.

(f) Perranwell Sewerage

Plans for the main sewerage proposals were submitted to the Ministry and this scheme awaits an investigation by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

(g) Feock Sewerage

The various proposals submitted for this scheme have been examined by the Ministry of Housing at a local investigation and the Council have been advised to negotiate with the Truro City Council regarding discharging sewage from the Feock area to the City Council's works at Newham, thereby obviating the necessity to construct an independent sewage treatment works in the area.

(h) Ladock Sewerage

Plans for this scheme were prepared in outline and having been passed by the Rural District Council were also accepted by the County Council and River Authority on the understanding that the villages of Trispen and St. Erme, considered as a likely development area, should be included in the proposals.

More detailed plans which included these villages, and now in the course of preparation, will then be submitted to the Ministry.

(i) Shortlanesend Sewerage

This scheme was investigated by an Engineering Inspector from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and the Council received permission to invite tenders for the construction in December, 1969.

(j) St. Mawes Sewerage

Negotiations for land purchase for the sites of the pumping stations and treatment works are still proceeding. It is anticipated that this scheme will be investigated by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government early in 1970.

(k) St. Just Sewerage

Limited proposals for improvement and enlargement of the existing disposal system for the Council House site are in the course of preparation.

(l) St. Agnes

It was not possible to get Ministry sanction to proceed with two extensions of the sewers at St. Agnes, the schemes being considered not sufficiently urgent to warrant the necessary expenditure at the time.

2. Sewerage Works

No changes have taken place in the system of routine maintenance, the three teams of two men each continue to give regular attention to twenty treatment works and ten pumping stations. The small works built for the Council Houses at Pendower Road, Veryan were closed when these houses were connected to the new village sewers.

At Goonbell, St. Agnes, some 1,300 yards of 6" sewer were scraped clear of silt and stones which had accumulated over several years and led to frequent blockages. Nearly 100 yards of defective pipes were renewed and five manholes built or partly reconstructed. This work was carried out by direct labour.

The Council's Consulting Engineers prepared a £2,800 scheme for flood relief at Peterville, also in St. Agnes, and it is hoped this will be commenced early in 1970.

3. Public Conveniences

The Council own, and maintain with part-time attendants, twenty public conveniences. The Promenade conveniences at Perranporth are owned by the Perranporth Gardens Trustees, but by arrangement are maintained by the Council. In the Summer full-time female attendants are employed at Perranporth and St. Mawes.

Extensions were approved for the beach Conveniences at St. Agnes.

4. Cesspool Emptying

During the year 3,314 loads were taken from 1,642 cesspools or septic tanks. The Council have two cesspool emptying vehicles.

The normal charge for emptying remains at 10/- for the first load and 5/- per load for each additional in the one operation. Except in approved circumstances, the charge after two visits in any period of twelve months is doubled. It is raised to £2 per load for those not connected to an available sewer.

5. Refuse Collection and Disposal

Refuse tips and their control remains as last year, that is the tips at Bissoe and Newlyn East are maintained by one man with a Bray loading shovel. A Contractor continues to attend to the tip at Gerrans.

The Council's collection fleet consists of three Karrier Ramillies '35' vehicles, a 20 c. yd. Ramillies acquired this year, and two vehicles of lesser capacity. Five of these are always in use at any one time.

The compressor mechanism on the Ramillies vehicles gives high compaction of the refuse and consequently less journeys to the Tips, but, in pursuance of their policy of one replacement vehicle a year, the order for 1970 was placed for a 19/60 c. yd. "Musketeer".

A demonstration of this vehicle over several days showed that very high compression indeed was possible with the screw impellor loading, and one journey to the Tip should be necessary, at the end of the day.

From June to September a spare vehicle was put on to collect from Caravan sites, and to do the second collection each week previously carried out by local Contractors at Perranporth and St. Mawes. This new practice worked very well and saved a good deal of overtime, and in some cases unreasonably long working days for the men on their regular rounds.

6. Salvage

No salvage scheme is in operation.

7. Rodent Control

The Operator is provided with a small van and has inspected 515 premises (other than farms under contract) in different parts of the District, and 277 were treated, usually with Warfarin. Twenty-three sewerage systems were test baited but only at St. Agnes, Perranporth and St. Mawes were any signs of rats found, and then only to a negligible extent, and treatment was, of course, carried out in these cases.

Forty-seven visits were made to the Council's three refuse tips and to sewerage works.

The tips were regularly sprayed against fly infestation during the summer.

Ninety-two contracts to the value of £713.10. 0 were entered into for quarterly treatment of agricultural properties and some other business premises. This shows a continuing increase in contract work, being the sixth successive year in which improvement has occurred.

The rodent operator also carried out a few disinfestations of houses, fumigations, and destroyed numbers of wasps and bees.

A charge of £1 per visit is made for dealing with wasps and bees, but rats and mice are destroyed in private houses free of charge.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

There are 8 licenced slaughterhouses and 1 knackers yard in the area. Slaughtering takes place in three of these on a large scale, much of the meat being sent out of the District and County.

A total of 91,493 animals, cattle, calves, pigs and sheep, were killed and inspected in these Slaughterhouses. This work occupies most of the time of two Inspectors.

There are two oyster treatment plants in the District, and 48 visits were made during the season for purposes of sampling for analysis. The bacteriological quality of all samples was satisfactory.

Five new premises were registered for the sale of ice-cream. Sixty-nine samples were taken for examination by the Methylene Blue test. Thirty-six were satisfactory (Grade I), while 23 were placed in Grade II, 8 in Grade III and 2 in Grade IV. Inferior results were followed by further visits and advice.

It was found possible to increase the number of inspections of food premises by more than double that of last year, and in the main standards were found satisfactory and no formal action was necessary.

WATER SUPPLY

The Council's powers and responsibilities as a water undertaking passed to the newly-formed South Cornwall Water Board in the early part of 1968.

Most of the District has access to a main supply, and samples taken throughout the year have been of good bacteriological quality. Altogether 199 samples were taken, of which 19 were for chemical analysis. Many of those from private supplies, wells and springs, were of unsatisfactory quality and consumers were warned to boil the water before drinking until the cause of the pollution could be overcome, suitable treatment provided, or an alternative source made available.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

One hundred and twenty-seven inspections were made under this Act. The majority of premises in this Rural District coming within this Act are food shops or catering establishments and these, of course, have to conform to standards of similar kind under the Food and Drugs Acts.

No serious problems have arisen and no formal action been found necessary.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

There are 234 licenced caravan sites. Sites consist of anything from one to several hundred caravans, and they are mainly used for holiday accommodation in the summer months.

As may be imagined the inspection difficulties are not insignificant and tracking down and dealing with unlicensed sites is no light task either. However, we do what we can with, I think, some worthwhile results.

HOUSING

Slum Clearance

No Clearance Orders were made, houses being dealt with as Individual Unfit Houses in all appropriate cases.

Overcrowding

No formal Notices were served to abate overcrowding.

Housing Advances

Six loans to build houses were made by the Council and seven for the purchase of existing property. Three loans were made for improvements.

Rent Act, 1957

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the year.

New Building

Under the Building Regulations 935 plans were submitted for the Council's consideration.

In the Spring a Building Inspector took up his duties. This was a new post on the establishment, and one which has thoroughly justified itself. Many more inspections have been possible, though full coverage of all new building work is not possible.

Private building continues on a considerable scale and there is no reason to think that it will decrease. The appointment of a junior Building Inspector is a matter which should be considered at an opportune time.

1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year.

(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	46
Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation . ..	7
Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	35

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal Notices.

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers ..	23
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 39, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	-
(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
(a) By owners	-
(b) By local authority in default of owners	-

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1
(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
(a) By owners	
(b) By local authority in default of owners	-

(c) Proceedings under Sections, 16, 17 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	-
(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	3
(3) Number of dwellinghouses closed as a result of Closing Orders or Undertakings under Sections, 16, 17 and 23 of the Housing Act	4
(4) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Undertakings were accepted	2
(5) Number of temporary houses owned by Local Authority certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	-

- (6) Number of temporary houses owned by Local Authority demolished -
- (d) Proceedings taken under Section 42, 43 and 44 of the Housing Act, 1957:-
- (1) Number of dwellinghouses included in Clearance Orders -
- (2) Number of dwellinghouses included in Clearance Orders confirmed
by Minister -
- (3) Number of dwellinghouses included in Clearance Orders and
Demolished -

HOUSING ACTS, 1949 - 1957

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

(a) Discretionary

Number of applications received - dwellings	..	..	..	..	49
Number of applications approved - dwellings	..	..	..	..	26
Total approved expenditure	..	..	..	..	£31,595.18s. 2d
Total amount of grants approved	..	..	..	..	£12,282. 0s. 0d

(b) Standard

Number of applications received - dwellings	..	..	..	..	71
Number of applications approved - dwellings	..	..	..	..	67
Total cost of work	..	..	..	..	£32,047.15s. 1d
Total amount of grants paid	..	..	..	..	£12,308. 9s.11d

NEW HOUSING

PARISH	By Local Authority		Total Completed in post-war period	
	Completed in 1969	Started in 1969	By Local Authority	By Private Enterprise
St. Agnes	-	-	147	321
St. Allen	-	-	8	8
Chacewater	-	-	55	26
St. Clement	-	-	4	95
Cubert	-	-	14	39
Cuby	3	3	-	2
St. Erme	-	12	12	13
Feock	-	-	64	443
Gerrans	-	-	61	79
Gwennap	9	-	33	58
St. Just-in-Roseland	-	-	63	127
Kea	-	-	58	122
Kenwyn	-	-	44	148
Ladock	-	-	30	9
St. Michael Penkivel	-	-	-	5
Mylor	-	-	120	151
Newlyn East	-	8	50	46
Perranarworthal	-	-	36	123
Perranzabuloe	-	8	145	305
Philleigh	-	-	4	10
Probus	-	-	83	95
Ruanlanihorne	-	-	8	17
Tregony	-	-	34	15
Veryan	-	-	28	37
	12	31	1,101	2,294

MEAT INSPECTION

	CATTLE			Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
	Cattle (excl. cows)	Cows	Calves		
Number killed	7,040	1,500	3,370	27,234	52,349
Number inspected	7,040	1,500	3,370	27,234	52,349
All diseases except cysticercosis and tuberculosis					
(a) Whole carcase condemned	8	39	28	99	177
(b) Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	3,226		30	2,382	3,312
Tuberculosis only	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Whole carcase condemned	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	505
Cysticercosis only					
(a) Whole carcase condemned	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	11	2	-	-	-
Gross weight of meat condemned	Estimated at 40 tons				

OTHER FOOD CONDEMNED

Three tins of ham
 5 lb. bacon
 10 x 11 lb. tins shoulder of pork
 3 x 6 lb. tins cocked ham

MISCELLANEOUS INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

Premises inspected under Public Health Acts for other than	
Housing defects	150
Water Samples taken for Analysis	199
Infectious Diseases and Food Poisoning	8
Sewer connections supervised	40
Sewers and Sewerage Works, and Drainage other than for testing	399
Public Conveniences	68
Refuse collection and Disposal	38
Building Regulations	1,276
Food Premises (Food Hygiene Regs)	130
Caravan Sites	67
Re. Keeping of Animals	17

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health.

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of	
			Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections, 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	3	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	57	10	5	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
	60	10	5	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	By H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.I.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:-					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-	-

